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MEMORANDUM THRU

(Depending on your unit level and internal procedures, establish routing through your chain of command thru your Army HQ)

Director of the Dark Side Group, ATTN: Safety, X Division, Fort Nowhere, XX, 00000-0000.

Commander, Army Headquarters, ATTN: Safety Office Symbol, Fort Somewhere, XX, 00000-0000.

FOR Director of Army Safety (DASAF), ATTN: DACS-SF Awards Administrator, 223 23rd Street, Room 980, Arlington, VA, 22202.

SUBJECT: Army Individual Award of Excellence in Safety – Exceptional Organization – Division / Brigade / Battalion / Garrison Nomination.

- 1. In accordance with ALARACT 069-2006 and the Army Accident Prevention Award Supplemental Guidelines dated 5 June 2007, request the Army Individual Award of Excellence in Safety Exceptional Organization Battalion category be awarded to the No Name Combat Battalion.
- 2. The NNCB is an operational arm of the Dark Side Group, currently deployed in many places you've never heard of. Over 99.9% of NNCB members have deployed worldwide in excess of 395 days during the last year to support the Global War on Terror, yet the battalion has not experienced a single A-C mishap and is extremely innovative with it's approach to composite risk management (CRM). During the last fiscal year, the NNCB developed and executed a comprehensive plan to reduce operational fatalities and achieve a 25% reduction in combat losses.
- 3. Consider the following achievements:
- a. The NNCB FY06 Loss Reduction Plan identified the 3 top causes of fatalities in operational and accidental categories and defined specific criteria to reduce all three. The plan applied these criteria to several equipment procurements and training events during the year which resulted in two of the three hazards dropping more than 38%.
- b. NNCB routinely operates militarized all-terrain vehicles. As the previous year's accidents on these vehicles generated 28% of all unit accidents, NNCB established a mentorship program to teach young riders advanced techniques in ATV handling. FY06 ATV accidents dropped 44%.



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- c. Applying Six Sigma lessons, NNCB leveraged Risk Management Information Data to build efficiency with CRM integration in operational mission planning. After this effort was completed in was noted by both higher and subordinate leaders that our mission planning cycle was shorter, yet our orders and directives seemed more comprehensive in addressing mission hazards. Operational mission losses decreased 23% from the period prior to this review.
- b. At year's end, NNCB higher headquarters reviewed records for safety and occupational health training and found all NNCB supervisors had completed optional instruction in Advanced SuperManager Risk Reduction training.
- 4. NNCB has set a high benchmark in loss control and should be commended for their performance this year. The realistic goals they set for themselves have all been exceeded, and the NNCB has successfully turned the tide of accidental and operational mishaps into a Army success story that saved lives. The NNCB effort is a model that demonstrates how leader involvement with accident avoidance can effect mission improvements and preserve combat power. NNCB programs are being intergrated across the Group to enhance effectiveness at higher levels.
- 5. The initiator point of contact for this nomination is CPT Mike Couragous, S-1, NNCB Battalion at DSN 555-5555, COM 555 555-5555, or cpt.couragous@us.army.mil.

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1. Loss Reduction Plan

2. ATV Plan

3. NNCB 2 Year Accident Study

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